

ton (ca. 1618–ca. 1669/70), a prominent Quaker on the Western Shore; appointed by Meeting to correspond with Friends in Barbadoes, 1680. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter; merchant. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Anne Arundel County, 1676–1682 (Security and Defense 2), 1682–1684 (Laws 2). **LOCAL OFFICE:** commissioned to survey and manage the building of the Londontowne Courthouse, Anne Arundel County. **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** fined in 1662 for refusing to serve in the militia; active in efforts of Quakers to obtain relief from requirement of oaths and military service; argued in favor of making West River Landing a port of entry for the area, 1683. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 500 to 1,000 acres in Anne Arundel County. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** will probated on May 28, 1698, in Anne Arundel County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £655.8.5 (including 13 slaves and merchandise worth £119.5.6); FB, £603.0.0. **LAND:** 975 acres in Anne Arundel County.

RICHARDSON, WILLIAM (1735–1825). **BORN:** on August 17, 1735, in Talbot County. **NATIVE:** fourth generation. **RESIDED:** in Dorchester (later Caroline) County; at “Gilpin Point,” Great Choptank Hundred, Caroline County, by 1776. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** William Richardson of Talbot County, a Quaker and a planter, son of Daniel Richardson (1670–1722) of Talbot County, grandson of *William Richardson* (?–1698). **MOTHER:** Ann, a Quaker, daughter of Sarah Webb (?–1758). **BROTHERS:** Daniel (?–1788), eldest son, who married Mary; Joseph; Benjamin; and Peter (?–1780), who married Sarah. **SISTER:** Susannah (Laurana, Luranah), who married William Dickinson (?–1782). **FIRST COUSINS:** *John Dickinson* (ca. 1726–1789); *Henry Dickinson* (?–1789); and Margaret Dickinson, who married *Philip Walker* (?–1791). **MARRIED** by 1765 Elizabeth Green (?–1811). **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** Capt. William, Jr. (?–1831), who married first, in 1790, Elizabeth, daughter of *Henry Dickinson* (?–1789), and second, Henrietta; Daniel Peter, who married in 1819 Catherine Medcalf; Joseph, clerk of Caroline County in 1818 and 1824, who married in 1818 Elizabeth Orrell; and Thomas. **DAUGHTERS:** Ann Webb, who married Gen. William Potter (?–1847), son of *Zabdiel Potter* (?–1793); Mary, who married James Price; and Elizabeth. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Protestant; Quaker ancestry. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., by 1774; Esq., by 1793; foun-

der and supporter of Washington College. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** engaged in overseas trade and operated ships to England; probably also a planter; owned a granary. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Dorchester County, 1771 (Accounts), 1773–1774 (Accounts 1, Cv, 2, 3; Laws to Expire 2); Conventions, Caroline County, 1st, 1774, 5th, 1775, 6th–8th, 1775–1776 (did not attend the 6th Convention), 9th, 1776 (seat declared vacated on August 17, 1776, upon his acceptance of a colonel’s commission in the Flying Camp). **OTHER STATE OFFICES:** deputy treasurer of the Eastern Shore, ca. 1780; Constitution Ratification Convention, Caroline County, 1788; treasurer of the Eastern Shore, 1789–1801, 1813–1825; associate justice, 4th District Court, Caroline County, 1791–1793 (resigned). **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Caroline County, appointed 1774; deputy commissary, Caroline County, 1774–1777; clerk, Caroline County, 1777–at least 1790; Maryland Senate elector, Caroline County, elected 1791. **MILITARY SERVICE:** colonel, 4th Maryland Battalion of the Flying Camp, July–December 1776 (first active service was at the Battle of Harlem Heights, New York, 1776); assisted *Henry Hooper, Jr.* (ca. 1727–1790) in quelling insurrection of Tories in Somerset and Worcester counties, ca. 1777; colonel, 5th Maryland Regiment, Maryland Line, December 1776–October 1779 (resigned). **ADDITIONAL COMMENT:** When the British attacked Philadelphia in 1777, Richardson was commissioned to remove the Continental Treasury from there to Baltimore. Richardson was in the army and was away from Maryland from June 1780 until the end of March 1782. During part of this time he was held captive in England. Richardson was apparently on a merchant vessel in 1781 when it was captured by the British. He hired a privateer to transport him and a Dr. Hindman to France, where they were again captured. Both Richardson and Hindman were later released, no charges having been proved against them. **OUT OF STATE SERVICE:** presidential elector, 1789, 1792. **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** manumitted two slaves in his will. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £658.0.0, including 15 slaves and 18 oz. plate, 1783; 36 slaves, 1790; 37 slaves, 1798. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 613 acres in Dorchester County (the remainder of 770 acres acquired by purchase or patent). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** resurveyed all of the tracts he possessed at first election for a net gain of 367 acres, 1788 and 1795, all of which